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Howard Berger
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June 11, 2020

Dear Residents of the City of Lauderhill,

As a longtime resident and elected official of the City of Lauderhill, I have always loved the diversity of my vibrant community. Our many cultures and heritages have been showcased and celebrated through various events, programs, and initiatives, many of which I organized and supported. We are a community who in many ways is progressive and has been able to rise above hard times and controversy with dignity and pride together.

In the wake of the murder of George Floyd, we can all agree the police brutality that we witnessed as a country was reprehensible. I am against the use of excessive force, police brutality, and the unlawful killing of black people. I believe all Black Lives Matter!

On Monday, June 8, 2020, Resolution #20R-06-99 was brought before the Commission to support the *Black Lives Matter Movement*, which I opposed. I voted this way because the national organization supports some ideologies I do not completely support.

With an outstanding Police Department in Lauderhill, I am against any idea of defunding the police. With that, I also strongly oppose closing jails. If the resolution was written apart from the national organization, who seeks to defund the police and close jails, I would have voted in favor of it.

My longtime service to our community, including all of our cultures has been and will continue to be boundless. It has been my privilege to assist and serve our residents for over 20 years. I apologize if my vote and subsequent explanation caused anyone pain or grief, please charge it to my head and not my heart. I believe that all men and women were created equal and justice should be for all!

Sincerely,

Howard Berger

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Commissioner